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Report offers transit options

➤ Timing of important report is bad, most council members say

Marc MacDonald
Niagara Advance

The IBI Group, commissioned to study the transit needs in Niagara-on-the-Lake back in June, presented their findings to council on Oct. 12, revealing that "there is a need to consider expanded mobility options for residents, business owners and employees in Niagara-on-the-Lake".

Major factors for the recommendation came in the form of anticipations of increased employment in the tourism and service sectors as well as an aging population which the report says will "create a greater demand for more mobility choices, such as public transit".

Residents of the town were given an opportunity to have their voice heard in regards to local transit, as Leger Marketing, working with IBI Group, conducted telephone surveys to 500 adults.

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Outgoing council receives timely transit report from consulting group

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They focused on the respondents' travel patterns, propensity to use transit if it were available and willingness to pay.

There was also the opportunity to fill out a survey that

was both in print and online, although only 147 completed surveys were turned in, which was a one per cent response rate for the town's population.

The telephone survey yielded results that four in five respondents agreed there was a need for local transit service,

with 89 per cent of those over the age of 55 saying there is a need.

The two largest factors in the hefty response in favour of public transit was that of an aging population (32 per cent) and the ability to travel as a possibility for all residents (29 per cent), which in all facets of discussion were the two major reasons that kept re-surfacing.

For those who felt that a local transit service would not benefit them, those under the age 55 were the strongest opposition, with 31 per cent indicating they would never

use such a service - with the main reason being that they "expect to drive anyways" either as a passenger or a driver.

As for where they hoped public transit would take them, St. Catharines topped the list with 87 per cent of respondents noting the Garden City as their desired destination, followed by Niagara Falls (43 per cent) and within Niagara-on-the-Lake third on the list (37 per cent).

The report also included the results from a peer system review which looked at

municipalities of similar size, indicating though, that direct comparisons were not intended or advisable as each is distinctly different.

Four potential options are given in the report, allowing city council options for what they feel is the best route.

The first option is an enhanced token program which would expand the value and use of the existing token system.

The second option would be a fixed-route operation using small, accessible buses within and between the Old Town and Virgil.

Option 3A would introduce a fixed-route operation between the Old Town, Virgil and Glendale while option 3B would be the same as 3A with the addition of a taxi feeder service for trips within a defined service area to connect to the fixed-route service.

Option 4 would consist of a fixed-route between the Old Town, Virgil, St. David's, and Glendale.

Costs for the options range from \$30,000 to \$277,000.

The reports recommendation was to undertake further analysis on options 2, 3A, 3B

and 4 - costing another \$25,000 to dig deeper; a cost council would not accept at this time.

"I feel like it coming straight to council is a different process because it doesn't allow us to discuss [the issue] at length," said Councillor Andrea Kaiser. "It's a little leery to go forward spending \$25,000."

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Galloway shared Kaiser's sentiments when it came to discuss, as this was the last council meeting until December when a new council will be in place.

"Staff struggled with the timing as well," said Galloway. "We wanted to ensure it at least got on the public agenda for discussion."

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs simplified it best when he said that "I think we need more information."

While council did not agree to move forward with another study at this time, the item will find its way onto the agenda for next term's council in which they will explore the options before them once more.

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Volunteers honoured

Marc MacDonald
Niagara Advance

Forty years, fifty years no matter which way you slice it, it's a long time to do anything, let alone something you don't get paid for.

But, for Gloria Ghetti and Sheila Tierney, 50 and 40 years respectively, working with the Canadian Cancer Society has been remarkably rewarding.

With a daughter who has survived cancer and husband who passed away nearly two years ago due to cancer, Ghetti has always had plenty of reasons to get in and stay involved.

"I have had friends and family struggle with and die as a result of cancer," said Ghetti. "It is truly a rewarding experience and you get more out of it than you put in, and to see how many have survived their battles with cancer as a result of the research and the great strides we've made gives you a big push to keep going."

Recently recognized for their years of service, Ghetti and Tierney are hopeful that their work will be continued by the next generation of volunteers, noting that cancer is a disease that has touched us

all. "Look around you and see how many people this disease has touched and how many survivors we have as a result of the work done by these volunteers," said Ghetti.

A lot of the work done by volunteers goes by the way of canvassing their neighbourhoods, going door-to-door for more than just monetary gain.

"Canvassing is important for two reasons," said Tierney. "First, you're providing information to the household about cancer and educating them and second is the fundraising aspect so we can continue to help with research."

Over her 50 years, Ghetti has had plenty of time to accrue some great stories and moments, highlighted by a visit by Terry Fox.

"He was a very humble young man," said Ghetti of her memory of Fox. "I think seeing that he was doing was a real eye-opener for me and acted as an incentive for everyone to get involved."

As Ghetti enters what she says to be her last year volunteering, she has found a

replacement of sorts, filling the void that will soon be left when Ghetti is done.

Helping her neighbour, new to the region and new to volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society, will be Ghetti's last project, and she hopes that younger volunteers will continue to emerge.

Meanwhile, Tierney sees no end in sight when it comes to her work with the Canadian Cancer Society.

"I have no intention of quitting now," said Tierney. "I hope to do it for many more years."

For Ghetti, she is satisfied with what she has accomplished and feels she got out of the experience what she had hoped. Now, it's just a matter of finally finding a cure for the disease she has spent 50 years of her life helping to find a cure for in any way she can.

"I think we're on the right path," said Ghetti of finding cancer's cure. "I don't know if it will be in my lifetime, but I hope and pray that down the road they'll find a cure."



Sheila Tierney, left, and Gloria Ghetti, right, have been volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society for 40 and 50 years respectively. Above, they are posing with Fran Geikie, chair of the Niagara Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society.

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War of 1812 Trivia Night to be held on October 23

Marc MacDonald
Niagara Advance

their historic knowledge all while having a great time.

With preparations constantly in the works for the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, the Friends of Fort George will be hosting the first annual trivia night at Navy Hall, and executive director Erika Alexander says it's not just for die-hard history buffs.

"We've got a really good range of questions," said Alexander. "There are some for the person who has a casual interest in history and others geared more towards the really history keener." Categories for questions are unique and will offer a unique trivia experience.

With categories ranging from We're Having a Battle, BYOW - Bring Your Own Weapon or Call Before you Dig (archaeological questions) and Name That Tune, it is sure to be a fun-filled experience, all while learning a little more about the War of 1812.

"We'd just like to get people to the upcoming celebration," said Alexander of the popourst of distinctive categories. "I think discussions of the celebration will also be easier to understand with what people might learn [from the trivia night]."

Alexander noted that the BYOW category might consist of something like bringing in a musket or rifle and comparing the two, allowing for those in attendance to get a firsthand account of the types of weapons used in our history.

Along with the weapons there will be other props such as uniforms, lady's kit and archaeological finds to help add intrigue to the evening.

As the celebration in 2012 nears closer, Alexander hopes that people will continue to get excited through events like trivia night and will continue to educate themselves, allowing for a more fulfilling experience in a few years time.

"I think it will have a little more impact if there is the previous understanding," said Alexander. "Ultimately, this event is a fundraiser for the Friends, but we wanted to attach something fun to it and get people excited."

The cost for the evening is \$25 per person or \$180 for a table of eight and includes light snacks. Tickets can be purchased from the Friends of Fort George gift shop or by calling 905-468-6621.

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Queenston Art Show reviving tradition

A 30-year tradition is being revived with the return of the Queenston Art Show.

After an absence of a few years, first with the folding of the Queenston Community Association and then resurrected as a fundraiser that was held at Willowbank, residents have regrouped as the Queenston Residents Association and are staging the popular art show at the Queenston Library to raise money once again to pay off legal fees.

The original art shows financed a successful Ontario Municipal Board fight to stave off development. This one will help pay for the recent environmental review, with its decision still to be released, to stop the growth of the jet boat operation at the Queenston dock.

The art show and sale will feature the work of 75 local artists, each with two framed works to be displayed and three unframed, promising about 300 pieces of art to choose from, says organizer Helena Copeland.

The QRA is also planning celebrations for the bicentennial of the War of 1812, and will need funds for those events, says Copeland.

It's a weekend of art for the village, with a display of paintings by Cameron Porteous at Willowbank. His work details the events as they unfolded in Queenston on Oct. 13, 1812: The Twelve Hours that Saved a Country.

It's also Doors Open Niagara at Willowbank and a display of the documentation program drawing collection at the School of Restoration Arts.

For further information about Doors Open Niagara at Willowbank, please contact Carol Perrin at 905-262-1239 x 21 or carol.perrin@willowbank.ca.

The art show at the Queenston Library is open Thursday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Helena Copeland and Alice Duc Triano prepare for the Queenston Art show this weekend.



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our editorial

Important study should be acted upon

A transportation study done by a consulting group came to council at the worst possible time.

The report, which deals with some of the transportation and mobility issues facing Niagara-on-the-Lake residents and offers several recommendations, came to council this week.

Unfortunately the outgoing council really can't do anything with it.

The report will reappear when the new council comes and we hope that when it does, the new council will give it a good read and discuss it at length.

In a time when we want cars off the

road, public transportation becomes even more important.

It is very easy to say that something is too expensive or that it can't be afforded, but when it comes to transportation, and the fact that a large senior population could make use of the service, as well as youth, it is something worth considering doing well.

Bear in mind that of the 500 people surveyed by IBI Group, 88 per cent of those over 55 felt there was a need for public transportation. Those people are our seniors, our parents and our friends.

Tom Wilkinson

Never, under any circumstances, teach robots to kill

Have you ever encountered something going on and had an instant gut feeling that it's wrong on every level?

You know, like children playing baseball near a large window. You just know something bad is going to happen.

Or... you're out having a drink with some friends, and your significant other is absent. Everyone else leaves and you find yourself alone with an attractive member of the opposite sex. Wrong... danger Will Robinson. Abort mission.

So you know what I'm talking about now. As soon as you encounter the situation, you know it's wrong, although it might be excit-



Tom Wilkinson
Writes Here

ing or fascinating.

I recently got such a feeling as I read about a group of Italian scientists building robots.

That, in itself, is fairly innocuous. Robotics is a pretty cool area of science. I mean... we haven't lost enough manufacturing jobs due to free trade, dollar values and government policies. Let's build robots to eliminate the remaining few manufacturing jobs. Who's with me?

Okay - I was just testing you there. That's not the part that sent the "wrong" signal through my core - though I would prefer to buy products built by Canadian craftsmen than by tin woodsmen.

The scientists had taught the robots to shoot arrows at targets, learn from their mistakes and correct their aim so, eventually, they were hitting the bull's-eye every time.

So ... we're building robots, we're teaching them to learn and we're teaching them how to fire weapons that could kill human beings.

WRONG!
Didn't these scientists watch Terminator or any of

the sequels?
Didn't they see iRobot?
How about Blade Runner?
Never teach a robot how to kill someone. Any kid who's ever read a comic book knows that's wrong on every level.

This is just going to spawn a whole series of bad things down the road. Now they'll have to build a time machine and send someone back to stop the Italian scientists before they start this nonsense.

Would you teach cows how to use automatic weapons and then tell how much beef is consumed around the world?

Would you take a zombie aside and tell it that if it learns to run, it could catch

a lot more people and eat a lot more brain?

Of course not... these things are just common sense.

Don't tell zombies about the running thing... don't let cows arm themselves and never, under any circumstances, teach a robot to kill people with perfection.

Okay, okay... perhaps I'm embellishing a bit. Cows would have a hard time pulling the trigger with a hoof.

But I know you're getting my message here.

In all seriousness, I wonder why we want to teach robots how to kill people with arrows? And if they don't get them on the first shot, how to correct their

aim.
Why not teach them to pop Milk Duds up into the air and into a target "mouth"? I would even volunteer to be the recipient.

On a completely serious level, I do disagree with this. The scientific community could have used many other ways to teach the robots to learn, without using something that could be considered a weapon.

And besides... being as the cows can't operate the trigger, perhaps they'll convince the robots to champion their cause...

You can leave feedback for Tom at twilkinson@westniasaranews.com

University Women meet



The executive committee of the University Women in Niagara was treated to a bottle of Lot 30 Winery wine by Sue Reimer, membership co-chairman and owner of the winery. Lot 30 Winery recently opened on Line 3 between Concessions 1 and 2. UWIN is a non-profit organization for women with a university or college degree, professional designation or other post-secondary school qualification. In the last year, the local group gave out high school scholarships, collected food for Newark Neighbours and gave funds to Reef, a St. Catharines agency supporting teens. UWIN meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. For more information contact Ruth Boulton at 905-468-3765 or Ursula Kucharski at 289-688-9365.

Editor nailed it right on with comments about kids, say readers

DEAR EDITOR:

We must thank Penny Coles for her excellent and sensitive article in the Advance of October 8. She is absolutely right in pointing out what is missing in our weekday lives: the kids. She is also absolutely right in pointing out that we have to make sure that the dinosaurs on the District School Board of Niagara, who consider themselves entitled to re-election and undeserved power, must be voted out.

Please read carefully the statements of those citizens running to be DSNB trustees and town council members and vote for those who advocate for a right-sized secondary school for Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Not having such a school impacts everyone. It may appear unimportant to those of us who are retired and out of the loop regarding education, but such is not the case. The ramifications of not having a secondary school in the community are wide-spread. Real estate agents always hear this question from younger buyers: Where is the high school? Which younger families will still feel comfortable about buying property here when told that their kids will be bussed into Niagara Falls or St. Catharines?

Which aspiring entrepreneurs will locate their businesses to NOTL when they learn that there is no pool of casual workers for after school and weekend shifts?

Which professional people, for instance young doctors, will be happy to come here upon learning that there is no high school for their kids? This last possibility should be considered by all citizens, particularly the elderly for whom nearby doctors could well be a necessity of life. And to continue with this last theme: Who would want to retire to what might be a pleasant community, but is lacking in necessary health-care? A local high school is as much a community necessity as are good sewage systems, good water quality, transportation for all, good policing, safe roads etc. etc.

Consider these points and vote accordingly.

Sincerely,
Barbara and Ed McCarthy,
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Retiring councillor thanks residents for support

DEAR EDITOR:

My Last Farewell (Mi Ultimo Adios)

Now that I have officially retired from formal politics, I would sincerely like to thank my many, many supporters, not only on my own behalf, but also that of my wonderful wife and family.

I owe a huge debt of thanks to my committee of volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make this all happen. Although too many to name individually,

they know who are and I salute them with a deep sense of gratitude.

In terms of friendship in NOTL, I am the richest man in town.

Since I was awarded the tremendous honour of being elected as Deputy Lord Mayor in my first run in 1994, I have endeavoured to keep - to the best of my ability - my three promises of honesty, integrity and dedication.

I sincerely hope that my record over the last several years on Council has justified your trust and confi-

dence.

It has been a pleasure for me to work alongside the Council and Staff, past and present. I thank them for the kindness, consideration and helpfulness that they have shown me over the years. It was very much appreciated.

To our new CAO, my best wishes for a successful administration.

True, we have had many a disagreement, but this is the sign of democracy at work. We have shared a sacred trust and uncompromising goal: the common good and

welfare of our community.

We will have a new Council this year who will help steer the wheels of our municipal government for the next four years.

Different roads? Certainly! But always, the same destination.

Voters! Remember that Council needs your input and it's only by working together that we will find solutions.

Good luck to all in this coming election.

Councillor Art T. Viola
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Col. John Butler students raise money for Terry Fox



Col. John Butler students participating in the annual Terry Fox run raised \$3,243, beating their goal of \$3,000—pretty impressive for a small school. The student body has declined in recent years but the amount raised continues to grow, says teacher Lydia Plett, who with learning resource teacher Margaret Tompsett organized the event. Grade 8 student Trenton Farmer raised the most in the intermediate division. Kai Bertel in Grade 3, Ethan Siemens in Grade 4 and Grade 3 student Nick Lepp were also top fundraisers.

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Marc MacDonald
Niagara Advance

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Affordable through a Renewable Energy Funding grant worth \$962,496 from the Ministry of Education, the photovoltaic panels will convert sunlight into electricity and have the potential to power approximately 25 per cent of the school's anticipated power needs.

paramount importance that there will be hands on experience," she said. "It's like reading about science compared to doing a science lab."

Future principal Marian Reimer-Friesen is of the same mindset as Campbell when it comes to using the panels as a teaching tool. "I anticipate lots of hands on experiences," said Reimer-Friesen. "It's a great learning component for both science and math doing various studies."

"Environmental education is a big part of what we do," said Reimer-Friesen. "So to have these solar panels is amazing - it will help show kids the importance of walking the talk."

The goal is to have the panels installed on the operation.

"I think it's of

school opens in September of next year, although there is no guarantee.

Along with the solar panels the new school will house other environmentally sustainable features including an orientation to maximize the use of natural light, low e-windows, energy efficient heating and cooling systems and effective measures to control storm water.

"It fits with the whole modern, green school concept," said Campbell, who also noted that the school will sell \$66,000 worth of energy back to the grid.

Whether or not solar panels on the roof will be a continuing trend in the construction of new schools remains to be seen, but Reimer-Friesen

wouldn't mind if that was the case. "I certainly hope it is," she said of putting them on new buildings. "It's a technology that's been around for a while and now we're seeing it as an option for alternative energy systems."

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Fire Chief wants homes to have address numbers



Civic numbers like the one that is seen here help emergency vehicles locate residences when they need to. Lately, fire services have found that a growing number of residents are not properly displaying their civic numbers or their municipal address numbers in urban areas.

➤ Having numbers visible on Niagara-on-the-Lake homes is of paramount importance, says chief

Marc MacDonald
Niagara Advance

The numbers on your house are more than just identifiers for friends and family coming to visit, they're also vital pieces of information should an emergency response unit have to come to your home.

The omitting of municipal address numbers is a problem that Fire Chief Ken Eden says they have "been wrestling with for quite a while", and now, thanks to a report that was sent to the Committee of the Whole on Oct. 4, should be getting some extra attention.

Eden says that having the numbers visible is of paramount importance,

especially when emergency units are trying to reach you.

"To me, it's very simple; if we can't find you, we can't help you," said Eden. "I can't understand why someone wouldn't want to have them up."

It is estimated that over 200 homes in the urban areas of Niagara-on-the-Lake are without their municipal address numbers and there are also those in the rural areas who are without their emergency plates.

The emergency plates are referred to as the green civic number signs that posted at the side of the road in rural areas.

Eden believes it's a combination of the signs being taken down by owners, being destroyed or dam-

aged and not replaced or simply not having them up in the first place as reasons why not every home has their numbers displayed.

As a result of the report being accepted by the committee, the public information campaign found there within will consist of public advertisements, letters to known home owners with return notification cards and a courtesy call with small gift for those home owners who have.

In time, the hope is that every home in Niagara-on-the-Lake will have their municipal address numbers displayed and intact, allowing for emergency units to locate a residence with as little difficulty as possible.

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Residents fight climate change

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This past weekend residents in Niagara-on-the-Lake joined those around the world in the Global Work Party - a day of action to fight climate change - hosting four of the 7,347 events that were held in 198 countries in what is being deemed as the most widespread day of environmental action in history.

Melissa Hellwig, President of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sustainability Network, was thrilled with the way the weekend's events turned out, most notably the green drinks event that allowed residents, environmental advocates and Niagara College students to network and socialize.

"It was a terrific weekend as we were able to double the events held and we had double the people," said Hellwig,

"The best part was the green drinks event, it gave everyone a chance to network and get together - we haven't really done that before."

Organized by 350.org, a group that advocates for the reduction of carbon dioxide we produce, the day was more than just events, it was about the message that people like Hellwig are trying to send to everyone.

"We accept scientific information as proof all the time," said Hellwig. "For some reason we can't accept climate change - it's too scary."

But over and above the recognition of climate change and the levels of carbon dioxide produced, Hellwig also appeals to the individual's sense of self, asking that they do what they can, even if it is not a lot.

"I'm just one person and I try to do what I can," said Hellwig, "if every person did

what they could [to help curb climate change] just think of how amazing that would be."

Another event held Niagara-on-the-Lake on Oct. 10 was the bicycle park-in, which saw a few cyclists park their bikes on Queen St. and pay for metered parking - the goal being to show others that there are alternative modes of transportation.

While this event was not as highly attended as the green drinks, it none the less served its purpose, as cyclists stood in their spot with a 350 sign for those passing by to see.

Other events around the world included US President Barack Obama announcing the return of solar panels on the White House roof, over 300 universities in China and India joined the Great Power Race, a student clean-energy program and tree plantings across the globe along with many more.



From left to right: Claire Heaven, David Heaven, Frank Hellwig and Melissa Hellwig pose with their 350 sign while they stand by their bikes in their paid parking spots, hoping to show those passing by that there are alternative modes of transportation than just cars.

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Chamber of Commerce hosting all candidates' forum Oct. 19

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce is also hosting a municipal all-candidates' night.

It will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Virgil Public School on Four Mile Creek Road.

A chamber committee is working on a format that will allow each candidate maximum exposure and time to present their reasons for running for public office, their concerns and visions for the town, and an opportunity to display their individual strengths through presentation style, says executive director Janice Thomson.

There will be a series of questions posed to both incumbents and new candidates, as Thomson says there is a certain level of accountability that

comes with the experience candidates have had already.

Chamber all-candidates meetings in the past have relied on written questions collected before the meeting, addressed to specific candidates and with a short time for rebuttal.

In addition to the all-candidates night, the chamber is again offering the opportunity for its members and NOTL residents to pose questions to candidates on-line.

The form to submit questions can be reached via the Municipal Election link from the front page of www.niagaraonthelake.com.

Questions will also be collected from the audience.

Also scheduled is a meet and greet at the NOTL Public Library Oct. 17.

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Former Niagara man makes sledge hockey's Team Canada

Kevin Rempel was told by doctors his recovery from a broken back was a miracle

Tom Wilkinson Editor

Vineland native Kevin Rempel will be playing for

Team Canada this week at the Sledge Hockey North American Fall Classic.

The event will be held Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at the Mastercard Centre in Etobicoke, Ont.

Sledge hockey is played by people with disabilities who use a sled, instead of skates, to move around the ice.

Kevin, who was born in Grimsby and raised in Vineland, was seriously

injured in 2006 during a motocross competition while making a jump - falling approximately 7.5 metres (25'). Doctors initially told him that he would never walk again.

What made it a double family tragedy was that Kevin's dad, Gerald, had been paralyzed in 2001 after falling approximately two storeys from a tree while in a hunting blind.

Kevin can recall part of

his own accident.

"I was at a motocross jump show in Halliburton," he said. "My first jump didn't feel right. I decided to let go of the bike and try to minimize the impact."

When he hit, Kevin broke his back, his pelvis and his ribs. He also had a small hole in his lungs.

"While in the hospital, I had no feeling below my chest," he said.

Kevin spent four months

in rehab in Toronto.

"I was 11 months in a wheelchair, and two months with canes," he said.

Now he can walk with assistance, but there are physical limitations.

"I can't run... can't jump and stairs are extremely difficult," said Kevin.

He has muscle spasms still. His disability is listed as a spinal cord injury. It's also known as "incomplete

paraplegia" - which takes place when there is damage to the spinal cord but some sensory and motor ability remains.

"I'm not gloating," he said. "Doctors told me I'm a miracle."

Kevin says his father never accepted his own injury and, in August, 2007, committed suicide.

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Recovery called a miracle

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His father's negative attitude about his disability actually fueled Kevin's desire to overcome his own.

Kevin had played recreational hockey for 14 years as a youth, and didn't want to give that up. He learned about sledge hockey, and began playing with the Niagara Thunderblades.

He's now in the beginning of his third season, but his first season with Team Canada, where he

will compete internationally.

Rempel, a forward who wears No. 5, is one of 16 players given a spot on Team Canada after a selection camp held last month in Petawawa, Ont.

This week, Team Canada plays three exhibition rounds against the United States in Toronto and Kevin is proud to be part of the team.

Team Canada won world championships in 2000 and 2008, as well as two world cup championships, and several gold medals.

Next month, Team Canada will compete against both the United States and Japan at the ISL Sports Center in Rochester, N.Y. from Nov. 10 to 14. In February, they'll be taking part in the 2011 4 Nations Cup, to be held in Japan. And in April, they'll compete in the 2011 World Sledge Hockey Challenge, which will be held in Canada, with the city still to be determined.

"It's become my new passion," Kevin says of sledge hockey. "It's definitely taken the place of

dirty biking "When you would make Team Canada, it's as good as it gets."

He hopes friends and supporters will come out and see the team play this week.

Kevin wants to become a motivational speaker and share his inspirational experiences with others. He's also signed up with the Canadian Paraplegic Association to speak to new paraplegics.

You can follow Kevin's journey on his blog, at: mrdversity.blogspot.com



Kevin Rempel, above, while playing sledge hockey for the Niagara Thunderblades.



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The Doctor Game

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number of small blows to the head, whether causing unconsciousness or not, can lead to severe brain injury. This also just takes time.

Research reveals that up to 50 percent of high school football players will experience a brain concussion this season. But the majority of these injuries will not be reported.

For professional athletes the potential for injury is

part of the game. But for parents, the crucial question is whether the benefit of contact sports is worth the long-term risk, particularly when teenagers tend to mimic the habits of their professional idols. And it's now become standard practice for TV announcers to praise the number of "hits" during a hockey game.

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Doctor Game discusses problems with sports injuries

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A study showed that 86 percent of hockey injuries among hockey players 9 to 15 years of age are due to body checking.

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cerebral hemorrhage.

It does not take a genius to diagnose a broken arm. But when the brain is bounced against the skull, it's next to impossible to know the degree of injury. All too often it's a guessing game in amateur sports for coaches, and for doctors, to determine if one is present.

Concussion causes a variety of symptoms such as headache, double vision and a feeling of 'having my

bell rung.' Players are often unable to answer simple questions such as, "what's the score?" With more severe injuries there may be seizures, vomiting, weakness on one side of the body and loss of consciousness. But a player does not have to become unconscious to have a concussion.

Dr. Karen Johnston, a neurosurgeon at McGill University, Montreal, states a cardinal rule. Players who

are suspected of having concussion must always sit out the game. They must never be told to "shake it off" or left alone. They must be seen by a physician.

Dr. Charles Tator, a Toronto neurosurgeon, says that amateur players always want to downplay their injury. They're afraid of another player taking their place and always want to appear tough. Tator stresses that the suf-

fering of a first concussion is one thing. The second one is another matter. He says if this happens, before a bruised brain is healed the additional damage can, on rare occasions, result in death from sudden swelling of the brain.

The use of helmets with visors has helped to prevent the loss of eyes in hockey. But helmets lead teenagers to believe that head injuries cannot occur. A sudden

blow, however, still has the same effect on an unscrewed brain.

Contact sports such as football and hockey can never be 100 percent safe. But when players like Bradley are placed at risk with all the high priced help available it's obvious that many concussions go undiagnosed in amateur sports. And concussion is a high price to pay for a game supposed to be fun.

The Time is Right elect Tom Braybrook Lord Mayor

Tom Braybrook believes that a candidate should stand on their record. His 26 years of service to the community on committees, with groups and organizations, on the Chamber of Commerce and four years over two terms of Council have given him a wide experience with, and a deep understanding of, the issues and concerns facing our Town ... he knows how to get things done.

Tom will work for you:

- Transportation

Tom will work with a new Council to restore and improve the Community Shuttle. The results of recent transportation meetings show a real need for access to local and Regional transportation for seniors, youth, and more... Tom will make it work.

- Town Efficiency

A review of Town administration and efficiency will be among Tom's top priorities. We need to examine how the Town works, identify areas where improvements can be made, and implement new efficiencies wherever possible.

- Tax Fairness

Our current system of assessment-based taxation means a raw deal for NOTL. Working with Regional Council, Tom will find and recommend new ways to bring fairness and value to taxation.

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On Oct 25th Vote Tom Braybrook

Tom Braybrook for Lord Mayor ✕





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KEY ISSUES



- ENERGY** – I believe that every Councillor must make the commitment to have the time to do the JOB RIGHT! This means taking the TIME to determine the FACTS and analyze the TRUTH before taking any decision. And, have the ENERGY to take ACTION and COMPLETE THE TASK.
- ACTION** – It is time for REAL ACTION. We must have better FISCAL MANAGEMENT. We CANNOT AFFORD to continue the way we are. TALK IS CHEAP. We can only CONTROL 20% of our TAX base. We need to CONTROL our SPENDING. We need to develop a SUSTAINABLE and REALISTIC VISION – and stick to it.
- INTEGRITY** – We NEED to put INTEGRITY back in the PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS. What we have now ISN'T WORKING.

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Artist displays work at NOTL library



Artist JoAnn Voogt is displaying some of her work at Ferrante Framing on Niagara Street in St. Catharines this month, and also at the NOTL Public Library.

JoAnn Voogt began painting about 60 years ago when she was in public school and hasn't put her brush down for any length of time since.

Now retired from the family greenhouse business, she winters in Florida and loves to travel, but her paints are always at her fingertips.

As a young mother of four children looking for quiet time, she used to work at her dining room table, which was always covered in paints and brushes, and her kids knew to leave her alone when she had her paintbrush in her hand.

"It wasn't pretty, but it worked. That was my way to relax, my time for myself!"

And despite raising a family while working in the family greenhouses, she always found time to paint, she said.

It's a little easier for her now. She has a cozy little studio in the Virgil building she moved to recently, calming music playing quietly, bright sunlight streaming in the front window, and paintings of all shapes,

sizes and styles piled against walls and stacked in cupboards.

She sells them at a few craft shows each year, has a couple of exhibits—this month at the NOTL Public Library and a framing shop—and she gives away paintings to friends and family members.

But at 67 years old, painting three to four hours a day, she has quite a large collection of artwork.

"I've not had any official training, other than a couple of classes," she says, and when in Florida, she helps a small group of women with their work.

She goes back and forth from water colour to oil—she likes the texture of oil, but water colours are so much easier to carry, especially when travelling.

Her work shows a wide range of subjects—animals and birds are her favourites, but she has many beautiful landscapes, including some local scenes, and she enjoys creating fun paintings for kids' rooms—she has 10 grandchildren to please.

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Jim Collard



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Artist attends annual show at Virgil school

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She shies away from portraits, she says, yet her one exception, of her brother at his favourite pastime, fishing, is an excellent likeness, one he loves and displays in his home.

She works mostly from photographs—sometimes photos in magazines—and likes painting pets, especially for friends.

Over the years, she says, she has likely done thousands of painting, most of them given away, and on display all over the world in the homes of people she has met.

Some were sold, like the three that an Australian couple purchased when they were visiting in town last year and saw her work at the NOTL gallery.

It gives her pleasure to see other people enjoying her work, and she enjoys giving it away, she says. Otherwise her home would be overflowing with art—she needs to get rid of some pieces to make room for new ones.

"A painting is something I can give to somebody that means something to them," she says. "Everybody in the family has tons of my paintings. Their

walls are covered."

She doesn't make much money from them, "but fortunately I don't have to make a living at it. It's just something I love to do."

She also loves meeting people and talking about art, which is why she enjoys taking her work to the occasional craft show—the annual show at the Virgil school, which some of her grandkids attend, was always a favourite.

Her work is on display at Ferrante Framing on Niagara Street in St. Catharines this month, and also at the NOTL Public Library.

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FOR LORD MAYOR



Good News

The Niagara Advance

Old Winery features top musicians such as Murray McLauchlan

He's a Juno award winner, a member of the Order of Canada, and a beloved singer-songwriter for those who remember the 70s, although as he said to a crowd at the Old Winery last week, "If you remember the 70s, you weren't there."

We remember Murray McLauchlan, we remember

his hits—The Farmer's Song and Whispering Pines, among others—and if we've forgotten the times, he helps us remember those too. He's as much a personality, this Canadian icon, as he is a musician. He loves to talk, connecting with his audience as he shares vignettes of his life growing up in the 50s and the events that

led to each of his songs, drawing portraits that not only provide insight into the artist but and recreate the times that fostered his talents.

His song-writing excellence—his lyrics have a way of reaching out—his laid-back stage presence and his melow, velvety and sensuous tones, never mind the way he

works a harmonica, provide a delightful experience.

And set in the cozy and informal atmosphere of the Old Winery, made for an enchanting evening.

When local Robert Glatt decided to make the Old Winery a place to feature great music, he had a wish list of artists he planned to invite. Murray McLauchlan was at the top of the list, but Glatt couldn't convince him that the intimate atmosphere of a Niagara-on-the-Lake restaurant was the right venue for him.

It's taken the presence of several top musicians to help establish a reputation, but the appearance of McLauchlan confirms it—the Old Winery's becoming

renowned as a place to go not only for great food, thanks to owner and chef Tony Deluca, but to hear celebrated music.

Glatt's series of "intimate music events" has featured Rand Mads, Harry Mann, Yald, and Barrie Bental, whose close friend Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo happened to be in the neighbourhood the night Bental was appearing. Cuddy showed up to share the stage and perform a set with Bental.

"Bental is a great performer in his own right. Having Jim Cuddy on stage with him made a truly remarkable night a lot of fun. After that we were able to get back to Murray and this time, he said yes."

McLauchlan, says Glatt, could be counted on to "raise the bar" for the restaurant, helping to attract other top-notch entertainers.

In addition to these one-a-month "intimate events," Steve Goldberger and the Niagara Rhythm Section, themselves a

bunch of talented local artists who put on a great show of their own, are about to become regulars. They are renowned for bringing guest recording artists to front their shows, and can be counted on to surprise, with all styles of music including blues, R&B, country, folk, pop and jazz—always a music-lover's delight with a true jam session each performance.

The Niagara Rhythm Section will be the featured guests Saturday, Oct. 16. Monday, Oct. 25 promises to be another remarkable evening at the Old Winery, featuring Canadian country music favourite Michelle Wright, with several top hits, including Take It Like a Man.

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Niagara Nursery School staff excited about upcoming move

As the new community centre takes shape, and with the new digs for 24 toddlers, the folks at Niagara Nursery School are getting fired up about their new home.

A 10-year lease has been negotiated and signed—the nursery school that has been looking after two generations of Niagara-on-the-Lake children is officially going to take over the space that has been specifically designed for their needs.

A group of moms and kids from the nursery school paid a quick visit to the site recently—the interior, still under construction, was off-limits, but they could peer in the windows at the progress—and they liked what they saw.

“There will be no more stairs,” says teacher and mom Patricia Couroux.

“It’s all going to be on one level, and so accessible!”

The fenced playground is right outside the door to the

toddlers’ room, with washrooms and the staff office on the same floor, right off the classroom. And the large hall of the centre will also be available for use by the kids.

“It’s so much brighter, and so much more spacious,” says NNS president Jennifer Caughlin.

The fact that it’s attached to the library means there can be partnership programs, and the kids can spend some time vis-

iting with seniors, who will also have their own space.

“We just can’t do that now. We can’t walk that far with the kids. This will open up so many opportunities that will allow us to be more community-oriented,” said Couroux.

The nursery school will be able to offer morning, afternoon and all day programs, for kids aged 27 months and up, as well as some before

and after school hours. Arrangements are being made for a school bus to pick up kids who attend Parliament Oak or Crossroads, the new elementary school scheduled to open on Niagara Stone Road next September.

And with an Increase In programs and children, for the first time there will be two

teachers on staff.

The town, says Couroux, has been very accommodating, allowing them input into the design of the space they will lease.

The community centre is scheduled to open next March, and Niagara Nursery School will be set to open at the first time there will be two

The nursery school will be fundraising for the move, looking for help to offset some of its expenses, including new playground equipment and other items for inside.

The community centre will open in time to be the site of the popular Easter-time Bunny Trail, or a similar event, with the town co-hosting it.



Niagara Nursery School will be moving to a new location, attached to the library. Pictured above, the folks at Niagara Nursery lift up their shovels excitedly at the new location.



Left to right: Jan R. Cook, Adam Cook, Amy Cook, Dave Alexander, Steve Cook

Return Terry Flynn

Your COUNCILLOR

It has been an honour to serve the citizens of Niagara-on-the-Lake as Deputy Lord Mayor during my most recent term on Council, and am hopeful to be able to represent you and accomplish more for our community.



I understand that there are five distinct communities within Niagara-on-the-Lake, and each faces its own issues.

Some issues impacting this upcoming Council term include:

- Controlling taxation and Regional spending
- Building healthy reserves
- Working with tourism and agricultural communities during economic tough times.
- Finalization of comprehensive Zoning Bylaw
- Public transportation
- Work with new CAO and town staff to improve communications

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“My personal involvement in the campaign stems from my belief that everyone deserves access to quality healthcare—close to home,” says Jan R. Cook, Co-Chair of the North Niagara Campaign team. “As members of a community witnessing a major health-care rejuvenation in the Niagara Region, we must pull together to ensure we have state-of-the-art facilities and medical equipment we need,” adds Jan.

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Trustee candidates want your votes

The trustee candidates for the Niagara Catholic District School Board were asked by the Advance to submit a brief synopsis of who they are, why they're running and what they hope to accomplish in roughly 200 words. With the daunting task now behind them, here are their responses.

Frank Fera has been a trustee representing Catholics for 18 years and has been an educator and administrator for 35 years. Fera has experience with the education improvement commission and school improvement planning and was the past president of the Serrans, an organization devoted to promoting the priesthood and religious life. The leader of the work of Our Lady of the Scapular Parish and former part-time instructor at Niagara University, Fera is seeing re-education as a Catholic trustee, continuing the journey to implement excellence in Catholic education. Fera believes that children deserve schools that provide the skills and attitude development necessary to help them meet the challenges of a very com-

plex world while being done with the context of a school environment based on the teach of Gospel values. Fera believes that as a trustee with 20 years of experience as an educator (retired teacher and principal) he can support the policies and programs which truly benefit all students and meet the needs of parents. Fera says that the school system has a proven track record of success and as a trustee he has supported staff by approving and encouraging financially innovative programs which have undeniably assisted students and enriched the values of the Catholic community.

Enzo Muraca
On October 25th, 2010, elect Enzo Muraca to represent your family as Niagara Catholic School Board Trustee. I will be responsible and committed to your families' wellbeing by promoting the continuous excellence developed over the last 150 years of the Niagara Catholic District School Board Education system, expanding, establishing, improving and promoting policy direction of the Board, i.e. educational,

health, safety, and code of conduct programs and policies, promoting and expanding the importance of all local, regional, parental involvement and engagement councils, engaging all students, parents, councils and Board staff to financial and policy accountability.

A born and raised resident of Niagara Falls I am married and blessed with two beautiful young children enrolled in the Niagara Catholic Education system. I am a veteran police officer with 12 year proven record in making our schools safer, smarter and stronger as well as a School Liaison Officer and a Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Policing Officer. I am an experienced school council Chair with a 6 year record of promoting school councils, engaging parents and establishing policies adopted by the Board and a graduate of George Brown College's Business Program and a Law and Security Administration graduate of Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology.

Ed Nieuwesteeg
My Name is Ed

Nieuwesteeg and I am seeking a fifth term on the Niagara Catholic Board. I am married to Ruth-Ann for 22 years and have two children; Ryan, a grade 12 student at St. Paul's Secondary and Alexandra, a grade 8 student at St. Vincent de Paul elementary. I am excited to be running again as I feel we have accomplished much as a Board and provincial assessment indicators would bear this out. Our Vision 2020 plan outlines our goals as a Board and as trustees we were very instrumental in helping to shape this vision and I would like to see it come to fruition. We also have many facility renewal programs on the go which is exciting for the school communities involved and our Board has been very progressive in seeking ministry funding for these projects. I hope to continue being involved in the great mission of Catholic education in Niagara.

Paul Quaranta
I am a confident and motivated individual who will bring energy and passion if elected as Trustee for the Niagara Catholic District

School Board. As both a parent and active member of the Niagara community, my background and dedication has consistently centered on the future of our children. As a father of two growing children, I have always been involved with their education. I would like to have an input in the decisions being made within the board, as those decisions have a direct impact not only on the future education of my daughters, but as well as the children within our community. I believe that with my past experience and the path I have chosen to lead, I would bring a unique perspective to the board. If elected as Trustee, the development and education of today's youth will continue to be my first priority.

Maureen Young
A newly retired religion teacher, chaplain, and program chair of the religion department at St. Paul High School in Niagara Falls Maureen Young is 60 years old and has been married to John Young for 37 years with three grown daughters and two granddaughters.

The top issue for Young is honest and fair representation

for the rate payers and students of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

I am a running as a candidate for school trustee in the October 26th election for the Niagara Catholic District School Board to represent Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Have been involved with NCDSEB for 22 years as a Religion Teacher, Chaplain and Program Chair. I would like to continue my connection as I truly value the principles and benefits of Catholic education in Ontario and in particular in the Niagara Region.

I believe that my background as a teacher, parent and now grandparent within the NCDSEB gives me a unique insight into the needs of our students, parents, staff, and the greater Catholic community. The knowledge that I have gained throughout my career will aid me in making informed decisions on the pressing issues affecting Catholic education today and in the future. I am deeply concerned about preserving and continuing to protect the Catholicity of our education system.

Trustees for the District School Board of Niagara answer questions

The trustee candidates for the District School Board of Niagara were asked by the Advance to submit a brief synopsis of who they are, why they're running and what they hope to accomplish in roughly 200 words. With the daunting task now behind them, here are their responses.

Kristine Akille
I am running for DSBN trustee because I believe that the foundation of any solid

community is its education system. Communication, transparency and accountability across the board and on every level need to improve. From speaking to teachers, parents, support staff community members and most importantly students they have no voice. This must change Parents and teachers, the most important people in the educational growth of our children need to be included

as part of the process when decisions are made, not left on the sidelines. The shortfall of funding since the 1980s and on policies is a deep concern. Teachers and consultants have been told that service will not change when in fact it has. Our trust need to feel empowered, have a voice and the resources training and tools to keep up with the ever-changing lives of our children. As your elected trustee and a

strong advocate for our students I will ask the questions, research both sides, and will always put principles before policies for the sake of our kids and their future.

Lora Campbell
I bring a renewed dedication to keep our educational system the best we can offer students, and an institution our communities and staff can be proud of.

Re-elect me to lead and

make decisions to promote stability and excellence in education for students, staff and parents of the District School Board of Niagara.

I will use my experience and knowledge to promote: Appropriate curriculum and program for 22 students, equity and fairness in deliberations regarding finances, board governance and staff professional development and updating and developing poli-

cies/procedures of the District School Board of Niagara.

Major concerns include class sizes, school activity fees, bully/school violence and bargaining with teachers and staff.

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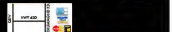
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It's harvest time in Niagara

Marc MacDonald
Niagara Advance

As this year's grape harvest continues to press on, the resounding statement that this year's harvest has been one of the best in recent memory continues to resonate throughout the Niagara Region.

Ann Sperling, winemaker at Southbrook vineyard, lends credit to the

weather that's been enjoyed over the spring and summer months.

"This is an excellent growing season and some of the things that add up to it being a good season is that we started out early in April - so bud break was a little earlier than the last few years and then we've had consistently warm weather through the whole growing season," said Sperling while walk-

ing up and down the rows of grapes, checking out her product. "We've had some rainfall but not excessive amounts, but enough for the vines to grow and thrive."

Beginning their harvest the third week of September, Southbrook continues to move up and down the rows, hand picking each cluster of grapes off the vine, something that Sperling says is all

part of the quality of the final product.

"We always like to have a good look at it," said Sperling of the grapes that make their ways across the sorting table. "Some years we grade out more fruit than others - it's all part of the quality process."

With the merlot and the chardonnay off the vines at Southbrook, recent efforts have turned

towards the cabernet franc grapes, a variety Sperling believes will shine this year.

"Some varieties demand a longer season than others, so the Bordeaux varietals, especially the cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc," said Sperling. "Those varieties do better in longer growing seasons so that's where I think generally there's going to be

some better than normal quality."

The grapes that are being picked off the vines this year won't see the inside of a bottle for at least two years, and even then, they may be left to sit a little while longer.

Southbrook's plan is to have their harvest wrapped up by the end of October, weather pending, and look forward to the finishing the process.



Workers at Southbrook vineyards hand pick cabernet franc grapes during the annual harvest. Southbrook hand picks their grapes in hopes of having only the best quality fruit come off the vine.



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Candidates discuss major issues

From page 20

Major issues include funding, trustee enrollment/school closures, early learning (full day kindergarten) and student achievement.

The solution for declining enrollment/school closures is, through the parent involvement committee, bring our community of schools together with stakeholders for their input.

For solutions to all of the concerns and issues, Campbell's flyer addresses each point.

Lynn D. Campbell

Since 2006, I have served as a trustee for Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Catharines, and in December 2009, I was honoured to be chosen as Vice Chair of the DSBN.

There are three main projects in Niagara-on-the-Lake which I supported to improve educational facilities here for our elementary students: 1. The new Crossroads Public School, which will be state-of-the-art and have solar panels in the roof; 2. The modern addition to St. David's to accommodate Laura Secord pupils and a daycare centre; 3. Ongoing upgrading of Parliament Oak.

Local families can look forward to more programming for the litest learners, via the Early Learning Program and Full Day Kindergarten, which I supported.

I fought to save NDSB. Then I advocated to smooth the transition for our local high school students by insisting on late buses and a choice of schools.

One of my future goals as your trustee is to continue to provide more technology like computers and Smartboards in the classroom to engage today's students.



With a \$379 million budget, the DSBN demands greater transparency and accountability."

— Linda Crouch

Trustee candidate for DSBN

I will also continue to be a strong voice for local families and help resolve any issues. I welcome all emails and phone calls.

Linda Crouch

As an experienced community advocate, I know it's necessary to work within the DSBN to change its mindset and make it open and functional. It's time for positive change. With a \$379 million budget, the DSBN demands greater transparency and accountability. Everyone pays school taxes. I am a Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year (1995) and a married stay-at-home Mom of 2 sons enrolled in DSBN schools. In 2002, I started the Walker's Creek Neighbourhood Association (WCNA), which is a successful

residents' group in north-east St. Catharines.

With my work with the WCNA, 2 terms as Co-Chair and 5 years as Treasurer, I've addressed City Council, and became an effective community advocate on a wide range of issues. I know how to get things done.

I'm in favour of a right-sized high school in NOTL, if feasible. The effect of the NDSB closure has a wide-ranging ripple effect and is tragic for families and the community.

With more DSBN schools potentially facing closure, trustees must ensure that they're done properly and options are left if projections are wrong or facts change. Niagara must remain a viable place for families to live.

More at www.lindacrouch.ca

Henry Durksen

I am a 63 year old, married to Sylvia Iarzon, I have two children, three grandchildren; Sylvia has two children, four grandchildren.

I graduated from Beamsville District Secondary and my post-secondary education was in the Registered Industrial Accountant program which assisted me in being a controller in a local business for over 20 years.

When it comes to community service I was a past president of the Niagara chapter of the Huntington Society. I was a founding member of the Fairview Louth Community Church where I was a head usher and treasurer.

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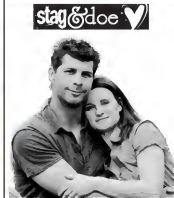
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Deaths

LAWSON, Ella Ross
October 24, 1912 - October 13, 2010

Born in Park Head, Bruce County, graduated Macdonald Institute University. English class of '39. Former Home Economics teacher, Port Colborne High School and Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School. Formerly of Port Colborne, Ridgeway and most recently Niagara on the Lake. Predeceased by her husband, Francis Gordon and son Paul David. Survived by her sons, Lawrence Rose, Daughter in law Beverly, Lawson, and Gordon Bruce Lawson. Grandchildren, Matthew, Ginger (Bryan) Berndt, Anne (Christian) Arpaqus, and Emma Parrish. Great grandchildren, Brendan, Dylan, Annabelle, and Brooks Berndt and Chase Arpaqus. Memorial Service to be held at Grace United Church, 222 Victoria Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, at noon on Saturday, October 23rd, 2010, reception following at the church. Private interment.

In memoriam



REGINALD LLOYD STEWART (Reg)
January 5, 1923 - October 7, 2009
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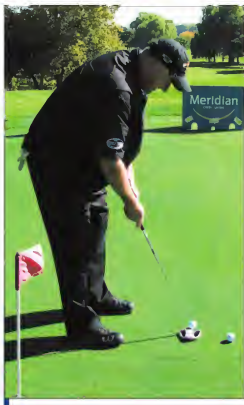
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Frank Raccipio, Mike Maves, Jim Collard and Boris Danoff were the winners in the men's division at the NOTL Golf Classic last Thursday—but the big winner was the new NOTL Community Centre. The tournament, sponsored by Sotheby's International Realty, saw 144 golfers participate in the event, which raised more than \$20,000.



John Wiens, chairman of the NOTL Community Centre fundraising campaign, tries his luck at the 10th hole putting competition of the town golf tournament at the Whirpool Golf Course last week. Wiens didn't win the putting competition, but \$730 was raised for the new community centre at that hole alone.

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Trustee candidates prepare for upcoming election

From page 23

When it comes to my vision as a trustee I believe the youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow so we need to challenge them to stay in school. We need to provide them with a positive, moral, motivated education. I am running to help the board work together with students, parents, and the private sector to continue to build an educational system that is second to none.

Anyone can reach me at by home 905-682-9331 or by email henryd.sylvia@sympatico.ca

Jonathan Past

As a Residential Realtor, I know the importance of community planning. When a community offers children a great education, they will be ready for today's world of international competition. I am a father of four children and a great education is a priority with me.

I have been happily married for 23 to a very supportive and terrific spouse and am fortunate enough to be the father of four great children - one darling girl and three great boys.

Currently I am a Board of Director with Habitat for Humanity Niagara. They are a fabulous organization helping families into home ownership. I am a graduate from the challenging financial manage-

ment program at Niagara College receiving a business administration diploma.

I enjoy a round of golf even with my 90 handicap and three mornings a week, if I am not injured, I enjoy a competitive full court basketball game. I am a long standing member for our local church choir and have served as our church auditor as well as past chair for the property and maintenance committees.

I believe that our education system is the most important gift that we can give to our children. We need to make sure our children have a voice and I plan to be that advocate. We must make it our responsibility!

Don MacDougall

I have resided in N.O.T.L. since 1947. My wife Pat and I have raised three children, Allen, Elizabeth and Nancy. We have three grandchildren and recently celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary.

The MacDougall Clan hold the record walking the halls of N.D.S.S. I was a student at N.D.S.S. from 1956 to 1961. My wife was an N.D.S.S. student as well as my two sisters Mary and Mary. All three of my children graduated from N.D.S.S. and went on to achieve University Degrees.

I taught History, Geography and Phys-Ed and became the

Head of History in the mid 1980's. Basketball was my passion and I coached both boys and girls at all levels.

Recently the D.S.R.N., both Trustees and Staff, have defied the voters of Ontario, ignored the well intentioned advice of two recent Ministers of Education and openly insulted the Town of N.O.T.L.'s Council, students and parents. We hear comments from incumbents who speak of co-operation and communication but seem to delight in confrontation.

I, a student in N.O.T.L. can attend a school in Okaville in less time than attend Governor. Since a change is not only desirable, it is imperative, I may be inexperienced, however, I know I can produce better solutions than that.

I would appreciate your support on October 25th.

Elaïne Manucha

I have 2 sons, the eldest just completed his PhD defence and my other son will be completing his Masters in Business in December. My husband is deceased.

I am a member of the St Catharines Rowing Club Board of Directors and associate chair and educational coordinator on the Clean City Committee in St Catharines. I volunteer for fund raising for the St. Catharines Rowing

Club, Dragon Boat Races and Spring Clean-up and Shoreline Clean-up for the Clean City Committee. I am a lifetime blood donor.

I was born and educated in St Catharines and own a small Bed and Breakfast business.

As a parent, I understand the importance of a strong public educational system. Accountability of our tax dollars, classroom sizes and overseeing the effectiveness of school programs are just some of my concerns. I have had the opportunity to participate in many areas of education; parent council, special education, and gifted. I have had many opportunities to work in the classrooms and I have seen firsthand what happens when programs are ineffective, not relevant with the times and resources not available. I want to see some changes. I want to see a strong and successful educational system for all students.

Paolo Miele

Paolo Miele has been an active member in N.O.T.L. I am a parent advocate with two of my own children at Virgil Public and for the last three years I have been fighting for a better Education for our elementary and secondary students.

I have demonstrated and uncovered wasteful spending

at the DSBN. I have proven to you that N.O.T.L. schools have been starved of money and programming. Did you know that NDS was fully funded by the Minister of Education in the tune of millions and including over a half a million in Rural Funding? Paolo Miele when elected as your trustee will ensure accountability, transparency, equality for all students. Our tax dollars will be used effectively and we deserve a high school in our town. I will not just rubber stamp decisions of the Administration; Paolo Miele is a leader and will research, ask questions and educate the other trustees.

Special Education dollars have been cut because the current set of trustees failed to submit vital reports to the Minister. I will fix this problem. I will help to increase the morale of Senior Administration from the top down. I have two children attending Virgil Public and I am a parent advocate for our children. Please vote for me.

Barry Wilding
Retired from Ford Motor. Co after 32 years, I am presently driving a school bus for First Student. This gives me the opportunity to be in constant contact with elementary and secondary students, parents and teachers. I have been mar-

ried to Louise for 38 years, have four children, two in-laws and five grandchildren - three of which are in Virgil Public School.

I am a former public school trustee under Lincoln County Board of Education (1982-1988) for Niagara-on-the-Lake and have been a member of the board of directors for Pleasant Manor Retirement Homes (Virgil) a member of Eden Advisory Board (1991-1993), member and past president of Chautauque Residents Association (1980-present) and am also a certified referee.

My top issues are special education and the funding issue at DSBN, school accommodation reviews (the Watson Report/Planning at DSBN) and all day kindergarten implementation and funding.

If elected I would strive to work collectively with fellow board members and staff to provide the highest quality education for all DSBN students, keeping in mind costs to the taxpayer. As a trustee I would make attempt of visiting schools, attending parent involvement committee meetings and communicating with parents and students.

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Doug Rempel*



23 Bianca Drive - \$379,900

Family needed for this 4 bedroom, 2 storey. Gorgeous master retreat with walk-in closet and spacious ensuite. Maple kitchen, dining room, great room with gas fireplace & finished basement. Fully fenced yard with 2 tiered deck - ideal for entertaining!

Lolita Hale*



Prestigious Location - \$529,000

TOWERING TREES & BEAUTIFUL perennial gardens surround "Homestead House" a classic Old Town 60's bungalow that has been extensively renovated & extended creating the ideal retirement or weekend/holiday residence. Principal rooms are spacious, bright, airy & there are three walkouts to the deck overlooking the pool & private garden. The finished lower level extends the living space. Stroll to the lake, golf course, & a short walk to town centre. **For more information goto www.HomesteadHouseInfo**

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171 Centre Street - \$859,000

A MOST DESIRABLE RESIDENCE combining unique detail and designer decor, this gracious one-of-a-kind home offers an incomparable opportunity! Great-for-entertaining principal rooms compliment family friendly, relaxed spaces while seasonal living is enjoyed on the patio, cabana with bar, bathroom overlooking the pool, gardens, and conservation lands. **For more details goto www.171CentreStreetInfo**

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